



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: :
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Hauge et al. : Attorney Docket : 51402-229914
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Application No.: 10/786,591 : Art Unit: 1724
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Filed: February 26, 2004 : Examiner: R. Popovics

Title: A DEVICE AND METHOD FOR REMOVING SOLIDS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application pursuant to the concurrently submitted request for continued examination, please amend the application as follows: